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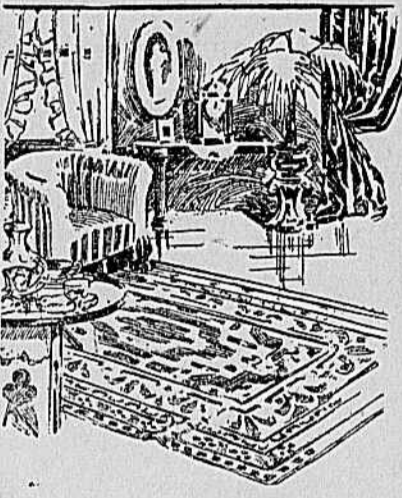
9x12 Axminster Rugs, good line of parlor patterns; special, \$22.50.

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4x6x6 Axminster Rugs, all colors, suitable for dens, halls, etc., \$7.50; 6x9, \$13.50.

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Washable Bath Rugs, all sizes and colors, from 75c to \$4.50.

Tapestry Brussels Carpet, room, hall and stair patterns, all colors, 75c and 85c yard.

Axminster Carpet, room patterns, with borders to match, all colors and patterns; \$1.15.

Extra Axminster Carpet, beautiful line of colors and patterns, with or without borders, \$1.25 yard.

Velvet Carpet, good line of room patterns, regular \$1.00 quality, 75c yard.

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The Autumn Sale of Homefurnishings: China, Silver, Bedding, Draperies, Etc.

CLAIM RAILWAY FRANCHISE VOID

Richmond and Henrico Company Gives No Sign of Renewing Construction.

WHAT BECOMES OF DEPOSIT?

City Attorney Will Be Asked to Construe Extension Ordinance.

According to the construction put on the ordinance by a number of Councilmen at the City Hall last night, the franchise of the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company, the successor of the Citizens' Rapid Transit Company, became void yesterday, the company having failed to begin work within the ninety days from the date of the extension, approved June 23. The matter has not yet been passed on by the City Attorney's office, nor were those Councilmen seen last night definitely informed as to the status of the situation since the failure to begin construction work in the time specified.

City Engineer Bolling said that so far as he had been informed no work had been done, and that no permit had been secured from his office for the opening of any street. He would not venture any opinion as to what is to become of the \$100,000 now on deposit with the city, saying that there was in the province of the legal department, and subject to the orders of the Street Committee.

Pending Many Years. The original franchise was approved by the Council March 28, 1902, and has since been extended from time to time on promises of the company to begin work shortly. At one time some grading was done on Thirty-first Street, and a year or two later more extensive work was done in setting concrete foundations and piers for the proposed Marshall Street viaduct, from Twelfth Street to Church Hill.

On June 22 of this year the Mayor approved an ordinance extending the time of the franchise for one year from June 30, 1909, to June 30, 1910, granted on certain express conditions stated to be in addition to all other conditions and stipulations in the ordinance and its amendments and extensions.

The conditions were that the company should within sixty days from approval of the ordinance file with the city clerk a certificate showing the deposit in some national bank in Richmond of \$100,000, to be drawn on solely by some construction company to pay for work done or equipment furnished in constructing the proposed railway system and viaduct, when constructed by the president of the company and the City Engineer, by authority of the Committee on Streets, only when the City Engineer shall have reported that the work for which the payment was made had been done or the material furnished. The certificate of deposit was duly posted with City Clerk August on the last day of the time limit imposed.

Begin in Ninety Days. The ordinance further requires that "the work of construction hereunder shall be resumed within ninety days after the passage hereof, and shall thereafter be proceeded with to completion within the above named period of extension, to the satisfaction of the Committee on Streets."

It is this clause which Councilmen last night believed had caused the forfeiture of the franchise, the company not having resumed the beginning of work while the ninety-day time limit is held to have expired yesterday.

The ordinance still further provides that in the event of the failure of the company either to file certificate of deposit in sixty days or to resume work within ninety days, the City Engineer, then the \$100,000 in bonds heretofore deposited shall become the absolute property of the city, and the city shall be authorized to remove from the streets all constructions placed therein by the company, the expense of such removal to be paid out of the \$100,000 on deposit, any residue of which is to be returned to the company or its assignees.

So long has the matter been before the Council with promises on the part of the company to begin construction work shortly, that Mayor Richardson, in his last annual message to the Council, recommended that the obstructions in Marshall Street be removed, "at the cost of the parties who have so long delayed the Council with the pretense that they intend to build a viaduct along or over that street."

WALKS INTO TOWN

Long Distance Man Arrives Ahead of His Schedule.

Joseph Mielke, formerly of Austria, now of almost anywhere, arrived in this city last night at 6:10 o'clock from Ashland, Wis., like many of the class, several long distance walkers of the world, and is now walking a distance of 25,000 miles on a wage of \$1,000.

He claims that he has completed 19,000 miles of the trip, and, therefore, has only 6,000 more to travel, and is now on his way to the next stage. Joe will speak under the auspices of the Putnam Gospel Mission in the Capitol Square, near the fountain, to-day, noon. He will speak in the old Putnam Theatre to-night.

SUES STEAMSHIP COMPANY

J. W. Church Claims Damages for Loss of Household Goods.

Suit was instituted yesterday by J. W. Church against the Old Dominion Steamship Company for damages paid at \$1,000. Church claims that he made a shipment of household goods, pictures, valuable books, china and other articles, both of real and associated value, portions of which were lost in transmission. He charges the company with negligence.

RICHMOND BLUES TO HAVE FULL DRESS DRILL TUESDAY

All of the three companies of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, comprising the entire battalion, including the band, will have a full dress drill on Tuesday evening next, September 28, in front of the City Hall.

The Blues hope that this announcement will for once fall to produce a downpour of rain. In case their services are no longer needed as militiamen, they believe they could make good as rainmakers, judging from their usual experience when about to drill.

AEROPLANE WILL EXHIBIT AT FAIR

Management Secures Glenn H. Curtiss for Daily Flights in Richmond.

CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED

Machine Will Be Put Through All Evolutions of Which It Is Capable.

Glenn H. Curtiss, who recently captured an international cup in the aviation contest at Reims, France, will give daily exhibitions in his aeroplane at the State Fair in Richmond next month.

Information to this effect was received last night by General Manager Mark R. Lloyd from the Curtiss Company, of Hammondsport, N. Y. The telegram stated that the contract had been signed, and was on its way to Richmond.

This means that Richmond will be the first city in the South to see the new type of flying machine, and much credit is due the management of the State Fair in securing so great an attraction.

Negotiations had been in progress for several months without anything definite being determined upon, owing principally to the fact that several other propositions covering the first week in October were under consideration by Mr. Curtiss.

One of these was for the centennial celebration at St. Louis and another for the fair at Brockton, Mass., both dangerous competitors for the honor. This fact reflects the great credit upon the State Fair Association in gaining preference.

New York Had First Call.

It was at first feared that the aviation contests held in connection with the Hudson-Fulton celebration in New York would preclude the possibility of bringing the aeroplane to Richmond as Mr. Curtiss in his eagerness to participate in these contests, had turned his back upon prizes in France amounting to \$15,000.

It was seen later, however, that the contest in New York would be completed before the dates of the fair, and with hopes thus renewed, strong pressure was brought to bear by the fair management with the above splendid success as the result.

The contract price for the week is \$5,000, for which Mr. Curtiss agrees to give daily exhibition, performing all the evolutions of which the machine is capable.

The Curtiss aeroplane is very similar in construction to the Wright invention, being a biplane, and included in the category of heavier-than-air machines. In appearance it resembles a huge box-kite with two wings.

Mr. Curtiss, who was the only American contestant, broke world records at the international tournament in France. He arrived in New York yesterday about the same time that Dr. Dyer, the Arctic explorer, returned from Denmark.

While in Richmond, Mr. Curtiss will be fittingly entertained and the public will be allowed to inspect his aeroplane at close range.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST

The "Quiet Hour" and Christian Endeavor—Reports of Officers.

Preceded by a short address by Rev. Henry Pierce Atkins on the "Quiet Hour," the second day's session of the thirty-fourth annual convention of the Churches of Christ opened yesterday morning with a study of Christian endeavor by Rev. Gerald Culbertson. The subject was discussed in its various phases by C. N. Williams, of Danville; C. O. Woodard, of Clifton Forge; H. A. Blake, of Roanoke, and George Phelps, of New York.

The afternoon session was taken up with reports of officers. The president's address was made by Miss Ellen Kent, of Louisiana county; secretary's report, Miss Gillie Cary, of this city; treasurer's report, Mrs. E. B. Young, of this city; report of young people's work, Miss Estelle Shackelford, of this city; organizers' report, Mrs. G. W. Oliver, of Greenville; secretary's report by Mrs. J. T. Johnson, of this city.

Short speeches were made by Miss Pearl Shelburne of Green Bay, on "The Debt of Young Womanhood," and Mrs. B. E. Jenson, of Norfolk, on the "Helen Moses Memorial." The president's address was made by Miss Ellen Kent, of Louisiana county; secretary's report, Miss Gillie Cary, of this city; treasurer's report, Mrs. E. B. Young, of this city; report of young people's work, Miss Estelle Shackelford, of this city; organizers' report, Mrs. G. W. Oliver, of Greenville; secretary's report by Mrs. J. T. Johnson, of this city.

The night session opened with devotional services by R. H. Wilson, of Keyville. An address on "Appeal for State Development" was made by Mrs. E. B. Wesson, an address, "My Future Work in Argentina," by Mrs. Maria Reynolds Ford, and a missionary address by Mrs. Mary F. Tamm, of a Richmond woman, who has for a number of years been a missionary to India.

MADE BOY DRUNK

Louis Traylor, Fifteen Years Old, Says Intoxicated Man Gotten Him by Mistake.

Louis Traylor, a white boy about fifteen years old, was arrested yesterday evening on a charge of being drunk, and was carried to the Second Police Station. He was bailed later by his father.

The boy stated that the intoxicated man who got him by mistake was a stranger to him, and that he didn't know what it was. An effort will be made to find the man who made the boy drunk.

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TWO ENGINEERS TO BUILD SEWERS

Finance Committee Recommends Erection of Contagious Ward at City Home Hospital.

Because of the great increase in the volume of street and sewer work, the Committee on Finance last night recommended to the City Council an ordinance for the employment of two additional assistant engineers in the City Engineer's Department, at a salary of \$1,600 each. It is expected that the new men will be assigned to supervision of the construction of the sewers provided for under the recent bond issue, one in the East and one in the West End.

City Engineer Bolling appeared before the committee in support of the ordinance, explaining the importance of having the work of the office handled by a sufficient force of competent men, telling of the growth of the clerical and other work in the office, as well as of the strictly engineering work on the outside. Last year he said there was paid out on vouchers from the Engineer's Department more than \$61,000, under the supervision of but four engineers, while this year there would be, in addition to the regular annual appropriations, about \$90,000 for sewers from the bond issue. He said it was in line with economy to have the larger force, the pay roll of the engineer's office, including clerks, now representing less than half the percentage usual in both railway and city construction work. Five per cent on the amount being expended, he said, would be more than twice the entire pay roll of the engineer's office, including his own salary.

Help Police Department. Commissioner Thomas of the Police Board, presented an application for additional funds for operating the Police Department for the rest of the year. The committee cut his estimate from \$1,500 to \$1,000, recommending a special appropriation of \$1,125, which the Chairman, Hobson, of the Committee on Relief of the Poor, presented the claims of that institution, asking a special appropriation for the erection of a five-room brick annex to the City Home Hospital, for the treatment of contagious diseases, at a cost of \$1,125, which the committee recommended to the Council.

Mr. Hobson explained that smallpox patients were taken to the hospital as cases of contagious diseases, but that diphtheria patients, now regarded as more dangerous, were quarantined at home, and that the City Home Hospital has at times had to refuse worthy cases because there was no place for the treatment of contagious diseases. Among the other recommendations made by the Finance Committee was a resolution providing for a secretary to the Superintendent of Public Schools, which was recommended at a salary of \$900, and a resolution providing for the employment of watchmen and inspectors on the new electric plant, which was also recommended. The committee tabled the resolution creating the office of city chemist.

C. & O. RAILWAY CONFERENCE

General Manager Doyle and Trainmen Consider Schedules.

The annual conference of General Manager C. B. Williams, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, with the joint committee of railway conductors and railway trainmen took place yesterday. This conference has reference to the changes in schedule and time adjustment, and is revised every year by the General Manager in conference with the trainmen.

JOINT SESSION

Market Clerk to Be Elected To-Morrow.

The Night—Many Candidates. The Common Council has been called by President Poers to meet to-morrow night at 7:30 o'clock to concur in certain actions taken by the Board of Aldermen in regard to the contracts for sewers provided for in the recent bond issue.

President Wood, of the Board of Aldermen, has called a joint session of the two branches of the Council to be held at 8 o'clock to elect a clerk for the Second Market, to succeed J. F. Flournoy, resigned. There is a large number of candidates. The call for the joint session includes any other business which may properly come before a joint session.

Following the two meetings there will be a meeting of the special committee on consolidation of Richmond and Manchester to hear from the City Attorney as to certain points referred to him on Monday night.

The Committee on Consolidation will probably hold a joint meeting with the Manchester City Council on next Monday night, when the points in the agreement on consolidation shall be considered finally.

WANTED IN CUMBERLAND

Fleming and Charles Langhorne, Colored, Charged With Housebreaking.

Fleming and Charles Langhorne, colored, were arrested last night by two detectives at the request of the authorities of Cumberland county, where they are wanted on a charge of breaking into a store and stealing therefrom a quantity of flour.

The negroes last night denied all knowledge of the crime, though they admitted that they left Cumberland county on the same night that it was committed, which was some time in February.

AUTO RACE FUND TO CARY STREET

Club Gives \$600 to Help Improve Road—Work on Petersburg Pike.

At a meeting of the Richmond Automobile Club held last night it was decided to give \$600, the proceeds from the recent race meet, to the construction of the Cary Street Road. It was felt that this road is used more by automobilists than any other drive out of Richmond, and the club considered that its first duty was to spend its money at home before giving it to roads in other sections not so near.

It had desired to appropriate a portion of the money from the races to the Petersburg Pike, but from what has been learned it is not probable that the road force will be taken off the Petersburg end until it is completed. When the Richmond Chamber of Commerce gave the \$2,500 to the Midlothian Road it was with the distinct understanding that this money was not to be obtained until the link between Richmond and Petersburg was completed.

In any event the meeting at Chester will be held to-morrow to endeavor to secure the funds necessary to complete the Petersburg Pike, as this money must be raised if the Chesterfield authorities expect the convict force to remain at work there.

The Richmond Automobile Club desires to do all that is possible in favor of the Petersburg road. There is some criticism by motorists about the speed trap near the village of Benesley, between stops 21 and 23, on the interurban electric line, where an officer, who is very much on the job, has been making it lively for automobilists. But that as it may, this will not appear before the meeting with the request that the club members help him out with cars to take the women attending the convention on a drive around the city. The club will comply with the request.

RECONSIDER AWARDS

Water Committee Sinks to Lowest Bidder on Cast Iron Pipe Contract.

The Council Committee on Water yesterday afternoon reconsidered an action taken at a previous meeting, when contracts for brass fittings for the department were divided between the two lowest bidders, the Smith-Courtney Company and the Virginia-Carolina Hardware Company. Charles Bergman, representing the Virginia-Carolina Company, was present, and stated that the practice in the past had been to award the contracts in a lump, and that it would not be profitable to his firm to take a portion of the contract. His bid on one style had been 13 cents lower and on the other 1/4 of a cent higher than the next lowest bidder, making his lump bid in the aggregate the lowest, he claimed, by \$300. In justice to the Smith-Courtney Company, the matter was tabled until the next meeting, when the two lower bidders may be heard.

A motion was also made to reconsider the action taken at a former meeting, when contract for about \$10,000 worth of cast iron pipe for the department had been awarded to the Glamorgan Pipe and Foundry Company, of Lynchburg, the lowest bidder, by about \$340. Hunter B. Frischohn, of this city, being the next Chairman Mills favored the award of the contract to a Richmond firm where the difference was less than 2 per cent, but was outvoted, the committee again recommending to the Council the award to the Glamorgan Pipe and Foundry Company, the lowest bidder.

CHAMBER READY TO GREET TAFT

Committee Named to Confer With City's Delegation in Preparing Program.

President F. D. Williams, of the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday morning forwarded to Business Manager Dabney the names of a committee of seven from the chamber to co-operate with a committee of the same number appointed from the City Council to prepare for the reception of President Taft, who will be here on November 10. The committee as made up by Mr. Williams, is as follows: F. D. Williams, by request of the chairman of the municipal committee; Henry W. Wood, by request of the chairman of the municipal committee; John M. Miller, Jr., E. G. Leigh, Jr., W. T. Reed, A. B. Williams and Fred W. Scott.

Mr. Dabney yesterday notified Chairman Robert Whittier, Jr., of the municipal committee, of the appointment of the chamber's delegation, and a joint meeting has been called for next Friday at noon to make definite arrangements.

Some time ago, at the request of Secretary Fred W. Carpenter, who has charge of President Taft's itinerary, Business Manager Dabney, after a conference with President Williams and Mayor Richardson, forwarded a tentative program for the reception, which will be elaborated by the committee. It is the purpose of the Richmond delegation to make the reception here—the last stop that the President will make before returning to the White House—the most notable of his trip. It was at first suggested that the President be requested to speak in the Capitol Square, but it is now probable that the speech, if there is any, will be made in the City Auditorium, where the accommodations are better. Mr. Taft is to spend ten hours here, there will be plenty of time for him to speak there and catch his train, which leaves at 6:15 P. M.

FEWER MEN OFFER FOR ARMY SERVICE

With Returning Prosperity, Men Are Not Anxious to Enter Federal Employ.

Enlistment at the Richmond recruiting office for the United States Army show a falling off of about 50 per cent, during the past few months when compared with the same period of 1903. This is regarded as an indication of returning prosperity and of renewed demand for labor in all lines of industry. It is always the case in times of industrial adversity, when employment is hard to obtain, and when the labor market is glutted, that numbers of men seek enlistment in the regular army. When labor is scarce and when men can readily obtain employment in commercial or industrial lines, enlistments always fall off.

The record for July of this year shows that ninety-six men were examined at the Richmond recruiting office. Of these eighteen were accepted. In the same month last year thirty-five were accepted for service. Three men were yesterday sent to Fort Slocum, N. Y., by Major W. A. Miller, retired, in charge of the Richmond office. All the men recruited in this city are sent to Fort Slocum in the absence of specific instructions to dispatch them elsewhere.

NO WINDOW BARS FOR HOSPITALS

Committee on Finance Rejects Ordinance on Protest of Local Institutions.

After hearing from Dr. Charles R. Robins, of the Memorial Hospital, and Chairman Graham B. Hobson, of the Council Committee on Relief of the Poor, in charge of the City Home Hospital, the Committee on Finance last night sent back to the Council, with the recommendation that it be rejected, the ordinance requiring all hospitals to be equipped with bars at each window, to prevent patients from jumping out, there having been several accidents of that character heretofore.

Dr. Robins argued that sufficient bars to prevent a patient with a suicidal mania from getting out would prove a menace in case of fire, and was supported by Chief of Police Werner, who told of an instance in Williamsburg some years ago where two women lost their lives because the windows of the building were heavily barred.

Dr. Robins explained that at the Memorial there were bars on certain of the windows, as, for instance, in the children's ward; that patients were under strict supervision, much more regular than among sick people in private houses, and that the mere presence of bars would not prevent a deranged man from killing himself.

"People with a suicidal mania," said Dr. Robins, "have no business in a hospital anyway. They should be in an asylum. But the percentage of cases of that sort is small, and the ordinance puts hospitals to unnecessary expense and makes them unsightly and unattractive."

Mr. Hobson warned the committee that if the ordinance were recommended it must be with a sufficient appropriation to place bars on all the windows at the City Home, and later the committee voted to recommend its rejection.

STAUNTON PEOPLE WILL HEAR TUCKER

Mann to Speak at Bedford Monday—Convention to Nominate Senator.

Staunton has been selected by Hon. Harry St. George Tucker as the point at which he will speak next Monday. Mr. Tucker was offered the choice between Staunton and Pearisburg by State Chairman Elyson. Both towns wanted to hear the Rockbridge Democrat. Chairman Elyson and Secretary Erenamann yesterday announced that Judge Mann would speak at Bedford Monday.

To-morrow at Appomattox the Democratic convention for the Eighteenth Senatorial District will assemble to nominate a candidate to succeed the late Senator William C. White, of Fluvanna.

There are three candidates for the nomination—Dr. A. S. Priddy, of Charlottesville, a former member of the Legislature; Sada Gayle, Democratic county chairman of Buckingham county and brother of John B. Gayle, of Richmond; and C. E. Jones, of Fluvanna. The district is composed of the three counties represented by candidates, and also the county of Appomattox. Dr. Priddy was unanimously endorsed for the position by a largely attended mass-meeting of the Democrats of Charlottesville. The convention will have a membership of forty-seven, Charlotte furnishing eleven of these,

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